

**STATE OF ALASKA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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Urging the Washington House of Representatives and the Governor of the State of Washington to reject Senate Bill 5974, imposing a tax of \$.06 per gallon on gasoline and diesel fuel.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS this state and the State of Washington enjoy a cooperative, interconnected, and mutually beneficial relationship; and

WHEREAS maintaining that strong relationship is in the best interests of the residents of both states; and

WHEREAS Senate Bill 5974, under consideration by the Washington State Legislature, would impose a tax of \$.06 per gallon on gasoline and diesel fuel exported to the state from Washington; and

WHEREAS this state provides oil necessary for Washington fuel refineries; and

WHEREAS the proposed tax violates the intent, if not the letter, of the Commerce Clause in art. I, sec. 8, Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS no state should initiate a trade war against its neighbor state; and

WHEREAS the proposed tax would place a substantial and undue burden on residents of this state for the purpose of funding projects and offsetting business costs in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS residents of this state should not be subject to taxation without representation; and

WHEREAS fishermen, fish processors, shippers, business owners, commuters, municipalities, villages, and residents of this state have demanded that the Alaska House of Representatives take immediate steps to stop this unjustified tax and, if necessary, pursue the passage of reciprocal legislation; and

WHEREAS the fisheries, shipping, and other related commerce in this state provide tremendous benefits to Washington's economy and residents, as well as the Port of Tacoma, the Port of Seattle, other ports in Puget Sound, and surrounding businesses;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska House of Representatives finds the proposed fuel export tax on this state to be in direct conflict with the intent of the United States Constitution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska House of Representatives implores the Washington State Legislature to strike the tax proposed in Senate Bill 5974 without further delay; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska House of Representatives urges Washington Governor Jay Inslee to publicly denounce this proposed tax and commit to vetoing the legislation if it reaches the governor's desk with that provision intact; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska House of Representatives will take whatever actions are necessary to block this unprovoked and reckless action against residents of our state, who should never be subject to unfair trade practices or taxation without representation.